

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 483
By Dixon

A RESOLUTION directing the Department of Environment and Conservation to conduct a feasibility study relative to the upgrading and refurbishing of T. O. Fuller State Park and Booker T. Washington State Park.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is blessed with an abundance of recreational opportunities, significant historical and archaeological areas, and other natural and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable observers have suggested that these properties are worthy of protection and preservation by the state; one way of protecting and preserving these areas would be to upgrade and refurbish existing state parks; and

WHEREAS, the state has not devoted the necessary attention to Booker T. Washington State Park in Chattanooga and to T. O. Fuller State Park in Memphis relative to necessary repairs, replacements, additions and betterment of buildings and facilities, expressly including the acquisition of new equipment for such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation would be the most appropriate agency to perform the feasibility study as preserving, conserving, enhancing and promoting our state's existing state parks and cultural resources is a primary mission of the agency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That

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the Department of Environment and Conservation is hereby directed to conduct a feasibility study to examine the feasibility of upgrading and refurbishing T. O. Fuller State Park and Booker T. Washington State Park, relative to necessary repairs, replacements, additions and betterment of buildings and facilities, expressly including the acquisition of new equipment for such facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the Department of Environment and Conservation upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Environment and Conservation shall report its findings and recommendations to the two speakers no later than January 1, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of Environment and Conservation.